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SUBJECT: POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES: OECD MANPOWER
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (MSAC)

REF: (A) PARIS 24139 (B) PARIS 23130 (C) C(78)129
(1ST REVISION) AND CORRIGENDUM 1

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM HEAD OF MANPOWER
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE GASS OUTLINING HIS
PLANS FOR A STUDY OF MANPOWER AND EMPLOYMENT ADJUST-
MENT POLICIES. THIS FOLLOWS UP SECGEN'S REQUEST
TO SEVERAL OECD SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES TO REVIEW THE

IMPLICATIONS FOR THEIR WORK OF THE POSITIVE ADJUSTME-
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TER AND STUDY OUTLINE ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPM (MCLEAN) AND LABOR (H. BLACKMAN).

2. PROPOSED STUDY CONSISTS OF FOUR PARTS:

(A) ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIC FACTUAL BACKGROUND TO THE LABOR ADJUSTMENT PROBLEM INCLUDING REVISED ESTIMATES OF "LABOR SLACK", ANALYSIS OF TRENDS AND CAUSES OF REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT DISPARITIES, AND ANALYSIS OF LABOR EFFECTS OF CHANGING INTERNATIONAL TRADE PATTERNS. (IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION, GASS HAS SENT SEPARATE LETTER TO HERB BLACKMAN PROPOSING A RESEARCH PROJECT BY 2 US ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS APPLYING AN ECONOMETRIC MODEL TO THE EMPLOYMENT/TRADE RELATIONSHIP. COPY OF THIS HAS ALSO BEEN POUCHED TO EUR/RPE).

(B) DESCRIPTION OF THE KINDS OF LABOR POLICIES USED BY GOVERNMENTS TO FACILITATE ADJUSTMENT (LABOR EXCHANGES, TRAINING, JOB CREATION AND MAINTENANCE, REGULATIONS, INCOME MAINTENANCE) PLUS AN ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY ROUGH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE INVOLVED.

(C) CONDUCTING THREE OR FOUR CASE STUDIES TO REVIEW MEMBER COUNTRY EXPERIENCE WITH SELECTED LABOR ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING

DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, EVOLUTION, AND ACTUAL EFFECTS ON WORKERS. AMONG THOSE STUDIED WILL BE THE LABOR ASPECTS OF THE US TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM. ON-SITE VISITS BY SECRETARIAT TO THE COUNTRIES SELECTED ARE ENVISIONED.

(D) IDENTIFICATION, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, OF THOSE LABOR PROGRAM WITH POSITIVE" ADJUSTMENT POTENTIAL AND THOSE WHICH COULD HINDER ADJUSTMENT.

3. LETTER MAKES POINT THAT WORK ON STUDY WILL BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THAT OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO AVOID OVERLAP. COOPERATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES IS ALSO ASKED TO UPDATE MATERIAL IN EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER POLICY INVENTORY, AND TO NOMINATE SPECIFIC POLICIES SUITABLE FOR A CASE STUDY APPROACH. WITH

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RESPECT TO THE LAST ITEM, GASS STATES HIS VIEW THAT
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT US TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM BE INCLUDED AND INDICATES HE HAS ALREADY DIS-
CUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFIC-
IALS. AN EARLY REPLY TO LETTER IS REQUESTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION: WE RECOMMEND MISSION BE
AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO GASS LETTER ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

-- WE WELCOME THE PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP
BY THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE
OF THE POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT ORIENTATIONS AND FIND
THESE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE IN THEIR
GENERAL THRUST.

-- THE US WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN A CASE
STUDY OF THE LABOR ASPECTS OF ITS TRADE ADJUST-
MENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IF MAY BE THAT OTHER
PARTS OF THE SECRETARIAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN VARIOUS
NON-LABOR ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM, AND WE HOPE THE
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SECRETARIAT WILL COORDINATE THE STUDY APPROPRIATELY
TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

-- WE WOULD LIKE THE WORK TO FOCUS MORE ON
POLICIES AND MEASURES USED BY GOVERNMENTS AND LESS ON
THE CAUSES OF ADJUSTMENT PRESSURES. TO THE EXTENT

THE LATTER ARE ANALYZED, WE WOULD THINK IT MORE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH A BROAD PERSPECTIVE OF THE SOURCES OF THIS PRESSURE--INCLUDING REGIONAL SUPPLY/DEMAND DISPARITIES, TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE, SHIFTS IN DEMAND, AND SECTORAL MISMATCH BETWEEN SKILL NEEDS AND AVAILABILITIES--THAN TO UNDERTAKE IN-DEPTH RESEARCH ON ONE POSSIBLE CAUSE SUCH AS CHANGES IN TRADE PATTERNS. THE PROPOSED ECONOMETRIC STUDY OF THE LATTER QUESTION WOULD NOT SEEM VERY USEFUL AND COULD DUPLICATE WORK ON NEWLY INDUSTRIALIZING COUNTRIES BEING UNDERTAKEN ELSEWHERE IN THE ORGANIZATION.

-- WE THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE SECRETARIAT COULD BE MORE PRECISE ABOUT THE TIMING OF VARIOUS PHASES OF THE SUGGESTED WORK PROGRAM OF THE MSA DIRECTORATE AND ABOUT HOW IT FITS INTO THE SIMILAR WORK BEING PLANNED ELSEWHERE IN THE ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS INDICATING WHAT PARTS OF THE WORK PROGRAM ARE INTENDED TO BE COMPLETED FOR PURPOSES OF THE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN C(78)129 1ST REVISION.

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